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THE PRESENT SITUATION IS VERY TOUCHY AND DANGEROUS. THE UNITED STATES MUST AVOID ANY "BIG STICK" GESTURES IF IT IS TO SUCCEED ON ITS PART IN SOLVING THE CONFLICT. THE REPUBLICAN PARTY FULLY SUPPORTS PRESIDENT CHIARI'S POSITION THAT THE 1903 TREATY MUST BE RENEGOTIATED. PRESIDENT CHIARI IS STRONGER THAN HE HAS EVER BEEN AND NOW IS A RULY NATIONAL FIGURE.

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2. DEMOCRATIC, CHRISTIAN, AND COMMUNIST LABOR FORCES ARE

SOLIDLY IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT CHIARI AS LONG AS HE MAINTAINS A

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FIRM LINE REGARDING THE NEED OF RENEGOTIATION OF THE 1903 TREATY.
THIS FEELING OF SOLIDARITY HAS ALSO BEEN EXPRESSED BY PROMINENT
LEADERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. BUSINESSMEN ARE SAYING THAT
THE TIME IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE UNITED STATES TO TAKE "JUST" ACTION
REGARDING THE TREATY, IN ORDER TO KEEP THE LID ON IN PANAMA. UNLESS
THE U.S. AGREES TO SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS SOON, THE PEOPLE CANNOT
BE KEPT QUIET.

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